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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Ivette Principe

Serial No. 09/872,942

Filed: June 1, 2001

For: Multiple Layer Cloth for Casino, Gaming and Billiard Tables and Method Therefor

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Box Fee Amendment

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the captioned case. Please add new claims 19-21 as follows. Enclosed please find a credit card authorization for the additional government fee (\$49.00) for the additional independent claim and the extra claim in excess of 20. If the fee is inadequate, please debit or credit Deposit Account No.03-1231 for any overpayments/underpayments.

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the case.

19. A cigar and cigarette burn resistant gaming table cloth comprising a layer of fire retardant treated knit polyester fabric laminated to a thin sheet of aluminum, and said aluminum sheet mounted to a backing layer of synthetic fabric.

20. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 19 wherein the mounting of said backing layer onto the thin sheet of aluminum is one of adherence, spray and needle punch mount.